

Noadswood News:

Week commencing: 27 November 2023

Week B

Events coming up:

27 - 30th November - Mock GCSE (Year 11)

1st December- Inset Day

Lille Christmas Market Trip

Message from the Leadership Team:

We would like to start our newsletter firstly by congratulating Year 11 on their efforts during their GCSE mock exams. We know that these are a crucial stepping stone for preparing our young people for the challenges of their final exams. We have been very proud of their hard work and their maturity when facing some of those inevitable pressured moments. Invigilators have commented very positively on both.

If you have any concerns, please do reach out to your child's class teacher or to Mr Marsh as their year leader so that he can support you and liaise with Senior Leaders about any worries you or they may have. We will be hosting a Year 11 subject evening on Thursday 11th January and a GCSE support evening later that month- more details to follow!

We are excited about our upcoming Festive Lunches for each year group, if you'd like your child(ren) to take part don't forget to pre-order your Festive Lunch for £3 in the Arbor shop. Pre-orders will close this Thursday, November 23rd.

Please take note of the following dates for each year group's lunch:

- Monday, December 4th: Year 8
- Tuesday, December 5th: Year 9
- Wednesday, December 6th: Year 7
- Thursday, December 7th: Year 11
- Friday, December 8th: Year 10



If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please reach out to cmckell@noadswood.hants.sch.uk. We want to ensure that every student's needs are met during these events.

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In our ongoing efforts to maintain open communication, and to take the opportunity to invite you in to see us, we are also pleased to announce that we will be hosting two Key Stage 3 coffee and cake drop-in sessions. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to speak with members of our Pastoral Team and Senior Leadership Team about any concerns, questions, or ideas you may have. They will also serve as an opportunity for you to simply have a chat with us in person.

We have scheduled two dedicated sessions for your convenience:

- Session 1: Monday, November 27th from 10am to 11am
- Session 2: Wednesday, November 29th from 2pm to 3pm

If you are interested in attending one of these coffee and cake sessions, please complete the form provided at this link:

[Booking Link](#)

In the form, please include a brief outline of what you wish to discuss, or if you'd just like to see us for a chat, let us know that, too! Upon arrival, we will meet you and go through the topics you have indicated.

Class Charts:

A big thank you to all of our students, parents and carers who have begun to access class charts. As a reminder, this is our new platform to simplify how you can get in contact with us, as well as monitor positive points, restorative conversations, attendance and the school timetable. As we become comfortable with the software, we'll also begin to open up other features such as homework (access via the website, or via the iOS / Android app).

It would be great if we can have all parents and carers access Class Charts, and if there is any student absence that we are informed about this via one of the two methods below:

1. Our telephone line – 02380 840025
2. Via Class Charts – using the Reporting an Absence function – **please do not** message attendance

We would like to begin using only the above two methods to streamline our communication and ensure we do not miss absence, so please could we request parents and carers begin using one of the two listed methods above.

PSA News:

We'd like to thank the PSA and our wider community for their continued fundraising. We raised over £500 from our 'Wear Something Different Day' with all proceeds going towards our year 11



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prom. We raised £53 from our Bag2School initiative, all of which will go towards school projects. The PSA are also busy planning a year 7 and 8 disco on the 26th January- more details to follow. We are excited about our Festive Auction that will take place on Thursday 7th December in the evening – look out for a letter by the end of the week if you would like to be involved with this lovely, student-led event, raising further funds for our Bike Shed project.

Equally exciting will be our concert on Wednesday 13th December – get the date in your diaries. It's been a joy to hear the auditions and rehearsals going on around the school, and how lovely it would be for our performers to have you and your child(ren) there to support them. Details to follow but hold the date!

We'd also like to update you on some staffing news. Miss Ebblewhite who has shared the role of Year 7 Leader with Mrs Martin will now be doing this role full time as Mrs Martin steps into a new role of Transition Coordinator. We'd like to thank Mrs Martin for her brilliant work with year 7 and we're excited about expanding her role in helping with year 6 'moving up.'

Finally, for this week, we'd like to remind our school community that we are part of the 'Red Box Project.' Each school involved has a box, so period products are easy to access whenever needed. These boxes are located in our medical room, ELSA room, Learning Support and year leader offices. Students can help themselves to what they need. More details about this initiative can be found here:

<https://www.totm.com/red-box-project-the-initiative-helping-young-people-across-the-uk/>

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more 'Noadswood News' next week.

Best wishes,

The Leadership Team

Safeguarding:

We've been blown away by the positive attitude, determination and grit shown by our Year 11 students as they've completed their mock exams. We know for some, however, that this time has been particularly stressful and brings many anxieties, worries and a whole host of other emotions. It's so important that we support our young people with these pressures. The Hampshire Safeguarding Partnership has lots of advice and sign posting on how to support your child through the examination period.

You can find information here: [Exam stress - Hampshire SCP](#)



We're also a big fan of the Kooth App which provides a wealth of mental health support and includes the ability to discuss any worries or concerns with a real life (not a bot!) mental health professional. Do check it out here: [Home - Kooth](#)

After School Clubs:

Are you aware of the wide variety of afterschool clubs we offer the students at Noadswood?

3pm - 4pm	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Astro		Yr8/9/10 Girls Football	Yr7 Girls Football Year 5 (EAY)		
Gym	Dance Rehersal- Invite only (PSM)	Yr8/9/10 Dance Competition Squad (PSM/KMA/EAY)		Yr 8+9 Dance Show squad (PSM)	Yr 7 Gym and Dance - All Welcome (PSM)
Sports Hall	U14 Basketball (TSH)	U16 Basketball Fixtures (OMA)			U16 Basketball (OMA) Fun-Damentals Basketball 5-6pm
Field		Yr 7 Netball- Training (EAY/WBU)	Yr8 Rugby (FRO)	Yr7 rugby (FRO) Yr9 rugby (TSH) U16 rugby (DRO)	
Courts	Yr8 Netball (EKI/LMU)	Yr 9/U16 Netball Matches (EKI/KST)	Yr 9/U16 Netball- Training(EKI/KST)		
		Table Tennis (NSU)		Yr7&8 Netball Matches (EAY/WBU/EKI)	
School Hall					
Breakfast Clubs	Football Skills (FRO)			Circuits (MHE)	